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Louisiana Seventh In Cotton Production

Louisiana cotton production for 2003 was 1,027,000 bales, up 39 percent from 2002. Yield per acre reached 967 pounds, up 35 percent or 250 pounds, from a year earlier. Area harvested totaled 510,000 acres, up 3 percent from 2002. Among the cotton producing states, Louisiana ranked seventh, behind Texas, Mississippi, Georgia, Arkansas, California and North Carolina. Louisiana ranks sixth in cottonseed production with 365,000 tons.

Cotton, Upland Acreage, Yield and Production

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield		Production ^{1,2}	
	2002	2003 ¹	2002	2003 ¹	2002	2003 ¹	2002	2003
	-----1,000 Acres-----		-----1,000 Acres-----		-----Pounds-----		-----1,000 Bales-----	
Alabama	590.0	525.0	540.0	510.0	507	772	570.0	820.0
Arizona	215.0	215.0	213.0	213.0	1,381	1,239	613.0	550.0
Arkansas	960.0	980.0	920.0	945.0	871	916	1,669.0	1,804.0
California	480.0	550.0	477.0	545.0	1,469	1,317	1,460.0	1,495.0
Florida	120.0	94.0	105.0	92.0	439	610	96.0	117.0
Georgia	1,450.0	1,300.0	1,360.0	1,290.0	557	785	1,578.0	2,110.0
Kansas	80.0	90.0	68.0	80.0	539	537	76.3	89.5
Louisiana	520.0	525.0	495.0	510.0	717	967	739.0	1,027.0
Mississippi	1,170.0	1,110.0	1,150.0	1,090.0	808	934	1,935.0	2,120.0
Missouri	380.0	400.0	368.0	390.0	796	862	610.0	700.0
New Mexico	54.0	53.0	50.0	38.0	816	884	85.0	70.0
North Carolina	940.0	810.0	920.0	770.0	421	646	806.0	1,037.0
Oklahoma	200.0	180.0	180.0	170.0	557	616	209.0	218.0
South Carolina	290.0	220.0	200.0	218.0	314	718	131.0	326.0
Tennessee	565.0	560.0	530.0	530.0	741	806	818.0	890.0
Texas	5,600.0	5,600.0	4,500.0	4,350.0	538	478	5,040.0	4,330.0
Virginia	100.0	89.0	98.0	85.0	465	674	95.0	119.4
United States	13,714.0	13,301.0	12,174.0	11,826.0	652	723	16,530.3	17,822.9

¹ Revised.
² 480-pound net weight bales.

Cottonseed: Production and Farm Disposition¹

State	Production		Farm Disposition				Used for Planting ³	
			Sales to Oil Mills		Other ²		2002	2003
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003		
	-----1,000 Tons-----		-----1,000 Tons-----				-----1,000 Tons-----	
Alabama	195.0	327.0	48.0	49.0	147.0	278.0	6.1	6.3
Arizona	232.4	216.8	5.6	4.1	226.8	212.7	2.0	1.9
Arkansas	627.0	689.0	491.0	462.0	136.0	227.0	9.3	10.0
California	731.0	680.0	81.0	93.5	650.0	586.5	6.0	6.5
Florida	29.0	37.0	18.0	21.7	11.0	15.3	1.1	1.2
Georgia	544.0	732.0	309.0	405.0	235.0	327.0	16.0	16.0
Kansas	28.0	34.2	13.0	4.2	15.0	30.0	0.9	1.3
Louisiana	271.0	365.0	131.0	191.0	140.0	174.0	4.7	5.4
Mississippi	697.0	773.0	548.0	604.0	149.0	169.0	11.0	11.0
Missouri	218.0	274.0	139.0	200.0	79.0	74.0	4.2	4.3
New Mexico	35.5	31.6	15.3	3.8	20.2	27.8	0.6	0.7
North Carolina	272.0	349.0	44.0	52.0	228.0	297.0	7.3	7.1
Oklahoma	81.0	79.0	72.0	64.0	9.0	15.0	2.0	2.3
South Carolina	44.0	109.0	20.0	58.0	24.0	51.0	1.5	1.8
Tennessee	291.0	311.0	244.0	232.0	47.0	79.0	5.9	6.2
Texas	1,855.0	1,616.0	1,109.0	939.3	746.0	676.7	56.2	61.1
Virginia	33.0	41.0	0.0	0.0	33.0	41.0	0.9	0.8
United States	6,183.9	6,664.6	3,287.9	3,383.6	2,896.0	3,281.0	135.7	143.9

¹ 2002 crop revised, 2003 crop preliminary.
² Includes planting seed, feed, exports, inter-farm sales, shrinkage, losses and other uses.
³ Included in "other" farm disposition.

United States Winter Wheat

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.55 billion bushels, down 9 percent from 2003. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 44.2 bushels per acre, 2.5 bushels fewer than last year. Grain area totals 35.1 million acres, down 4 percent from last season. The portion of the winter wheat crop rated good to excellent on May 2, at 48 percent, was 7 percentage points lower than a year ago.

United States Hay Stocks on Farms

All hay stored on farms May 1, 2004 totaled 25.9 million tons, up 17 percent from the previous year. This increase was mainly the result of higher hay production in 2003. Disappearance of hay from December 1, 2003 – May 1, 2004, totaled 84.9 million tons, 5 percent greater than the disappearance of 81.0 million tons for the same period a year earlier. Disappearance was up from the previous year despite the mild winter in the Corn Belt and Rocky Mountains.

Thirty-three of the 48 reporting states had higher hay stocks than a year ago. Most of the states reporting an increase in stocks were located in the eastern and central Corn Belt, Southeast, central Great Plains, central Rocky Mountains, and along the middle Atlantic and Pacific Coasts. Compared to May 2003, stocks more than doubled in the Ohio Valley due to an increase in production and mild winter weather.

Stocks declined in Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and North Dakota as a result of additional hay feeding caused by unfavorable weather conditions and a decline in 2003 production compared to 2002. Texas's stocks were down by 27 percent from last year's record high.

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Winter Wheat

Selected States	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2003	Ind. 2004	2003	Ind. 2004	2003	Ind. 2004
	-----1,000 Acres-----		-----Bushels-----		-----1,000 Bushels-----	
Arkansas	570	630	50.0	51.0	28,500	32,130
Colorado	2,200	1,800	35.0	30.0	77,000	54,000
Kansas	10,000	9,000	48.0	41.0	480,000	369,000
Louisiana	140	1/	41.0	1/	5,740	1/
Mississippi	125	205	49.0	51.0	6,125	10,455
Oklahoma	4,600	4,300	39.0	36.0	179,400	154,800
Texas	3,450	3,600	28.0	33.0	96,600	118,800
United States	36,541	35,082	46.7	44.2	1,707,069	1,550,395

¹ Not available until September 2004.

Hay Stocks on Farms

Selected States	December 1			May 1		
	2001	2002	2003	2002	2003	2004
	-----1,000 Tons-----			-----1,000 Tons-----		
Alabama	2,100	1,750	1,764	650	254	487
Arkansas	2,280	2,755	2,700	280	588	600
Louisiana	1,096	662	937	200	173	115
Mississippi	1,833	1,631	1,125	390	249	244
Oklahoma	3,150	5,357	3,994	475	1,190	1,200
Texas	7,235	10,460	9,910	1,573	3,888	2,849
United States	110,384	102,978	110,752	22,458	22,013	25,865

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